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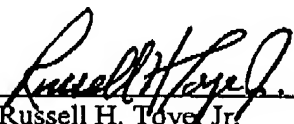
Dear Sir:

The following are being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (fax number 703-872-9306) in the above-identified application:

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Dear Sir:

This submission is in response to the Office action, mailed December 1, 2003, in the above-identified application.

Please amend the claims in the above-identified application as shown below under Claim Amendments. This section includes the current status of all claims in the application and the text of all pending claims. The currently amended claims are marked up to show the changes made relative to the immediate prior version, using strikethrough for deleted matter and underlining for added matter.